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FOLLOWING REPEAT TRIPOLI 855 ACTION SECSTATE JULY 2.

QUOTE S E C R E T TRIPOLI 0855

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SUBJ: REBEL SITUATION IN CHAD

REF: STATE 155112

1. OUR LIMITED INFORMATION ON REBEL SITUATION IN NOTHERN CHAD, AND LIBYAN ROLE THEREIN, SUGGESTS SADAT MAY BE OVERDRAMATIZING A SITUATION WHICH HAS EXISTED FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

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NOTHERN CHAD MUSLIM REBEL LEADERS HIBRE, GOUKOUNI, AND SIDIK HAVE, AT VARIOUS TIMES BEEN SUPPORTED BY SUDAN, LIBYA AND ALGERIA. QADHAFI'S FAVORITE IS GOUKOUNI (HE DELIVERED MME CLAUSTI TO THE COLON). QADHAFI HAS DROPPED SIKIK AND HIBRE. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT QADHAFI IS SUPPORTING GOUKOUNI WITH ARMS AND FUNDS. QADHAFI'S PURPOSE IS TO ASSERT LIBYAS INTEREST IN THE ENTIRE REGION THROUGH SUPPORT AND CONTROL

AMENABLE TRIBAL LEADER GOUKOUNI. LIBYAN FORCES ARE OR WERE RECENTLY PRESENT IN AREAS CLAIMED BY BOTH LIBYA AND CHAD - SPECIFICALLY IN AREA OF AOZU AND BARDAI. WE HAVE ALSO HAD REPORTS OF CLASHES BETWEEN REBELS (PROBABLY FROM HIBRE FACTION) AND LIBYAN FORCES. WE UNDERSTAND GOUKOUNI IS CURRENTLY ON OFFENSIVE IN BORDER AREA, AND WE DOUBT THAT HIS FOLLOWERS ARE BUSY FARTHER SOUTH IN AL GANAINA OR NDJAMENA. CLASHES AT POLICE POSTS NEAR AL GANAINA RATHER COMMON OCCURENCE. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND FROM FRENCH MILITARY ATTACHE (LTC CANCEREN) THAT THERE HAVE BEEN INCREASED MOVEMENT LIBYAN MILITARY SUPPLIES TOWARD CHAD/ SUDANESE BORDER IN PAST SEVERAL WEEKS.

2. LIBYA CLAIMS SUBSTANTIAL AREAS WHICH ARE ALSO CLAIMED BY CHAD, NIGER, AND ALGERIA. LIBYANS HAVE NEVER, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, SET FORTH BASIS FOR THESE CLAIMS. TRIPOLI A-12 FORWARDED SEMI-OFFICIAL MAP WHICH DELINEATED THESE LIBYAN TERRITORIAL CLAIMS. FONSECRETARY TURAYKI RECENTLY STATED PREVIOUS BORDERS DRAWN BY COLONIALISTS AND LIBYANS TOO WEAK (FROM COLONIALIST EXPLOITATION) TO ASSERT CONTROL OVER WHAT RIGHTFULLY BELONGED TO LIBYA.

3. DEPT MAY BE INTERESTED IN TRIBAL RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND IN AREA DESCRIBED TRIPOLI A-1.

4. SUGGEST DEPT INFO PARIS SINCE WE UNDERSTAND CHADIS ALSO REQUESTING FRENCH ASSISTANCE. ALSO SUGGEST DEPT PASS NDJAMENA, NIAMEY, KHARTOUM, CAIRO. CARLE UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER
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